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NEW TERMS, NOTICES AND REPORTS MUST BE SENT TO THE OFFICE NOT LATER THAN THURSDAY EVENING OF EACH WEEK, IF THEY ARE TO APPEAR IN THE CURRENT NUMBER.

TRANSIENT NOTICES, FIFTY CENTS FOR EIGHT LINES, EACH INSERTION, FOR LARGER SPACE AND PERMANENT RATES, APPLY AS ABOVE.

THE Supreme Court has also sustained the legality of the act reducing the poll tax from four dollars to one dollar. This makes the tax on property a little heavier, but the poll tax was difficult to collect when it was four dollars. There should be no difficulty in collecting the smaller sum.

School begins on the third day of September and ends on the twenty-seventh of June. The Trustees, following this calendar, keep the children at work during the cool days of fall and winter rather than extend the time into July. There is no apparent reason for dismissing school on Election Day.

THE Supreme Court has affirmed the legality of the trials of the Traphagen burglars before Judge McCarter, so that they will now go to prison for ten or fifteen years each. The best thing to do to a professional thief is to shoot him; the next best thing is to send him to State Prison for so long a term that when he comes out he will be too old to resume such methods of life.

MOSES, not the lawgiver, but the hus band of the fat woman, first sold her body and then repudiated the sale. With some other curiosities—the Circassian girl and the no-armed man—he has visited her earthly resting-place. Peculiar Mr. Moses' blood better than Mahomet's for he not merely went to the mountain, but he married it! And yet—such is the selfish tendency of our times—few of us see in Mr. Moses anything to admire!

THE Thanksgiving proclamation of Gov. Ben. Butler is a remarkable production. It is incredibly pious and as sanctimonious as the reflections of a Mormon Apostle. The Massachusetts Republicans will doubtless give thanks for one blessing not mentioned by the Governor, in that they are soon to be delivered of a chief magistrate who has violated all the traditions which the Bay State holds sacred. A State which has survived one term of Butler is an object of sympathy as well as of congratulation.

NEXT Sunday the day will be twenty-four hours and three minutes long. This comes from the adoption of the standard time, which will henceforth be the same from Detroit to the Eastern sea-board. The change has been very quietly and very thoroughly effected. Great railroads have planned it, great journals have approved it and great cities have adopted it. Philadelphia will no longer be slower, and Boston faster, than New York. We shall live henceforth under the dynasty of one time, and no man shall say to his neighbor, "What o'clock is it by this meridian?"

THE official vote of this State gives Leon Abbott, for Governor, a plurality of 6,899. If we add together the Greenback and Prohibition votes, and deduct them from the count, the result is to leave Abbott in the minority. Had these votes been added to the Republican party instead of being scattered off to the help of the Democrats, Judge Dixon would have been elected. The Prohibition vote has been noticeably strong—as was anticipated—and it has also been noticeably dangerous. It may afford a warning to those who have thus thrown power into the wrong hands when they inquire whether they had not better take to the ark in time of flood rather than try a raft of their own.

BLOOMFIELD has been very entertaining during the present week. Sunday was devoted to Martin Luther in most of the churches, and our columns contain reports of lectures by James Redpath in the Catholic Union Hall, by Dr. Henderson in the Methodist Church, by Dr. Riggs at the Theological Seminary, also of the concert and recitations in the Westminster Church, and the minstrel performance at Library Hall by Essex Hook and Ladder Co. No. 1. All these entertainments were well attended, and furnished

a sufficient variety of pleasure to enable all to exercise a choice. The reporting staff of the CITIZEN has been taxed to procure full accounts of these affairs.

THE shooting of the unknown burglar by Mr. Homer M. Choate, last Friday night, is a startling event in a quiet community like Newark, and the prompt way in which the coroner's jury has decided that the shooting was justifiable is very satisfactory. No other decision could have been reached, but it is well to settle such questions promptly for the moral effect they produce. The coolness and courage shown by Mr. Choate and his wife could not be excelled, and when we consider that the intruder was armed it is greatly to be wondered at that he did not himself fire the first shot. The thief has been identified as a man who lived at Market Street, New York City, and passed under the name of George Stone, but it seems probable that this name has been assumed by him and that his real history remains to be discovered.

STUDENTS of mental phenomena will be interested in the account given of the remarkable feat of Herr Zukertort, who played last Saturday evening twelve simultaneous games of blindfold chess, winning four, drawing two, and losing six. This proportion, however, leaves him far behind Blackburne, Morphy and Louis Paulsen, who were all noted players, sans coir. Morphy played eight simultaneous games, Blackburne sixteen, but Paulsen conducted the amazing number of twenty-one. When it is remembered what intricate calculations are involved, and that upon every board account must be kept of sixty-four squares and thirty-two pieces of all grades of value, a single game of such a character is a wonderful achievement. Old George Walker, the genial writer on chess subjects, so regarded it in his day, and declared that even a diamond-paned window, or any chequered object, was a mercy to the mind that was feeling its way over a blindfold game. But Herr Zukertort, and others, affirm that they possess a perfect picture of each board and men in the mind. Still, black coffee and cigarettes do not appear good diet, if Zukertort's lost games be compared with Blackburne's or Morphy's or Paulsen's, who scarcely dropped any at all.

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS. Although Tuesday of last week was a legal holiday, the schools were kept open as usual. This is in accordance with a resolution of the Trustees adopted during the past school year. By the laws of the State it is provided that there shall be two hundred days of actual school work. To accomplish this, and to provide for the more important holidays and vacations, requires that every school day shall be utilized from the first of September until the thirtieth of June. To provide for election days would require either that the vacations be shortened or the school kept open during the warm days of early summer. The school calendar of Essex County, prepared by the County Superintendent, gives the following vacations: Two days at Thanksgiving, eleven at Christmas, Washington's Birthday, five days in April, and Decoration Day.

OUR ENTERTAINMENTS. This has been a particularly busy week for Bloomfield. What with the Methodist lecture, the Seminary lecture, the Westminster concert, Redpath on the Irish nation, and the amateur minstrels, every taste has been consulted, and the most critical ought to have been—and probably were—fully satisfied. Each year demonstrates that there is a very wide field between low variety shows and the top-loftical Pattis and Irvings and Nilssons and Terrys, which needs to be filled and to be well filled. Suburban places are prepared to demand and to expect a kind of talent which is thoroughly well fitted to its work. Does it ever occur to us that the entertainers spend a most laborious apprenticeship before they are able to appear as journeymen, free of their craft?

The popular line of such entertainments does not include so large a proportion of lecturers as in the past. In the days before the war we expected a series of speakers, each man duly prepared with his theme in his own fashion. Then we had Phillips and Bayard Taylor, and Dr. Holland and such like men, and women prominent in public opinion and interest, and the lyceum course of those days was a marvelous educator. There were few concerts, and fewer mixed entertainments and elocutionary exhibitions.

The case has now been largely reversed, but the reaction is healthily setting in. Here, in Bloomfield, it is safe to say that our lectures and concerts and amateur performances will stand comparison with the best elsewhere. We are fairly ahead of the demoralizing shows which have been in the habit of using the suburban towns for the purpose of working off their shopworn goods. It now needs that we shall have the help of all good citizens in making such fifth-rate troupes very unprofitable. This can only be done by not patronizing them.

The interest taken by all classes in Bloomfield in the present courses of entertainments is a guarantee that they and their successors will be well sustained. And it also goes to show that they are worthy; for, if they were not, there is a grim independence about our citizens which would make dearth and barren land among the seats. It is no bad way to build up a town to be discriminating as well as public spirited.

TIME TABLES.

Carefully corrected up to date.

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TO NEW YORK.

Leave Montclair—6:03, 7:15, 7:55, 8:47, 9:52, 11:00 a.m.; 12:50, 1:40, 3:40, 5:00, 6:10, 6:57, 8:15, 9:40, 11:05, 12:05 p.m.
Leave Bloomfield—6:08, 7:19, 7:59, 8:51, 9:57, 11:05 a.m.; 12:56, 1:45, 3:45, 5:05, 6:15, 7:05, 8:20, 9:45, 11:10, 12:10 p.m.
Arrive Newark—6:23, 7:30, 8:10, 9:03, 10:08, 11:18 a.m.; 1:08, 1:58, 3:57, 5:17, 6:38, 7:26, 8:37, 10:08, 11:22, 12:21 p.m.
Arrive New York—6:50, 8:00, 8:40, 9:30, 10:40, 11:50 a.m.; 1:40, 2:30, 4:30, 5:50, 7:10, 7:55, 9:10, 10:40, 11:55 p.m.

FROM NEW YORK.

Leave New York—6:30, 7:20, 8:30, 9:40, 10:40 a.m.; 12:40, 2:10, 3:40, 4:40, 5:50, 6:20, 7:10, 8:30, 10:00, 11:00 p.m.
Leave Newark—6:40, 7:22, 8:10, 9:06, 10:13, 11:13 a.m.; 1:13, 2:44, 4:13, 5:13, 6:03, 6:53, 7:48, 9:03, 10:38, 11:38 p.m.
Arrive Bloomfield—6:51, 7:33, 8:21, 9:17, 10:24, 11:24 a.m.; 1:24, 2:55, 4:24, 5:24, 6:15, 7:05, 8:00, 9:14

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Leave Montclair—5:33, 7:02, 7:55, 8:53, 10:52 a.m.; 1:34, 3:47, 4:50, 6:55, 10:03 p.m.
Leave Bloomfield—5:38, 7:06, 7:59, 8:57, 10:56 a.m.; 1:40, 3:51, 4:54, 6:59, 10:08 p.m.
Arrive New York—6:23, 7:50, 8:40, 9:40, 11:40 a.m.; 2:25, 4:40, 5:40, 7:55, 10:55 p.m.

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Leave New York—6:00, 8:30, 12:00 a.m.; 3:40, 4:40, 5:40, 6:20, 8:00 p.m. Leaves 23d Street 15 minutes earlier.
Arrive Bloomfield—6:40, 9:21 a.m.; 12:43, 4:19, 5:24, 6:20, 7:05, 8:39 p.m.
Arrive Montclair—7:02, 9:25 a.m.; 12:49, 4:29, 5:29, 7:11, 8:46 p.m.
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